

COMMITTEE GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

Preparation for Wilson Inaugural Pageant Already Under Way.

NO PLACE FOR POLITICS

Appointments to Various Positions Made Without Reference to Party.

Washington, December 23.—With the appointment of Corcoran Thom as chairman of the finance committee and the opening of headquarters at the New Willard Hotel, Chairman William Corcoran Eustis, of the inaugural committee, got down to business with a rush to-day. Mr. Eustis and the officers of the committee that he has appointed realize that only a short time intervenes before the inauguration of Wilson and Marshall, March 4, and that a vast amount of work must be done.

While Mr. Eustis already has selected many members of the inaugural committee, he is withholding the announcement of these appointments until he is ready to announce the entire membership.

Mr. Thom's appointment was made and announced immediately, so that he could quickly get together a finance committee and begin the collection of the large fund which will be needed to make the coming inaugural celebration the greatest ever held in Washington. Mr. Thom is prominent in financial circles in Washington, and is considered a fine selection as chairman of this important subcommittee.

Needs Two or Three Days.
Mr. Thom announced that he would not be able to appoint his committee for two or three days.

As soon as Mr. Thom's appointment was announced several business men called on him and tendered subscriptions, so that by 1 o'clock this afternoon he had already received contributions amounting to \$3,325.

No effort will be made to change the usual forms observed at the inaugural ball, it was said to-day. In the past, the grand march at the inaugural ball, in which the President, the Vice-President and their wives have no part, has always been headed by the President, escorted by his wife, and the Vice-President with his wife. No other women have taken part in the grand march. The others in the parade have been members of the floor committee and specially designated members of the inaugural committee. The report that the wife of the chairman of the inaugural committee was to walk with the President in the grand march at the ball was, therefore, erroneous.

Place for Robert N. Harper.
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candidates for the position of chairman of the inaugural committee before the appointment of Mr. Eustis, will occupy a prominent place on the committee. W. W. Vick, secretary of the inaugural committee, was in conference with Mr. Harper to-day, and it is believed that it was in reference to such an appointment.

At the temporary headquarters of the committee in the Corcoran Building Mr. Eustis and Mr. Vick were early at work to-day. E. J. Steilwagen, chairman of the inaugural committee four years ago, and Corcoran Thom, who was secretary of the committee at that time, called on Mr. Eustis and gave him their advice regarding a number of matters relating to the arrangements for the inauguration. The appointment of Mr. Thom as chairman of the finance committee was made soon afterward, and about 2 o'clock this afternoon the committee moved to the New Willard Hotel.

Expect Early Contributions.
It is anticipated that the fund necessary for financing the inaugural celebration will be quickly forthcoming. Four years ago the guarantee fund was paid back in full to the contributors, and a balance was left in the hands of the committee. The committee decided to use this money in the interests of the proposed change in the inaugural date, and it was turned over to a national committee on the charge of inaugural date to the last Thursday in April. This committee, headed by Henry B. F. Macfarland, is composed of the Governors of forty States and about fifteen residents of the District.

Mr. Macfarland stated to-day that only \$125 of the balance of the inaugural fund of four years ago has been expended by his committee, and that that was all that had been requested from the treasurer of the last inaugural committee, Clarence F. Norment,

and all, therefore, that he had paid over.

Mr. Macfarland stated that the last inaugural committee had, at its last meeting, voted that any balance of the inaugural fund remaining should be utilized, if necessary, for the campaign for the change of the inaugural date, which the committee heartily approved.

It was not expected, he stated, that any considerable part of this money would be expended unless Congress passed the resolution providing for a change of the date. In which event it would have been necessary to send representatives of the committee to present the matter in every State Legislature, and the money would have been used to defray their traveling and hotel expenses. But as Congress has not passed the resolution there has been no occasion to expend any more than the small amount required for incidental expenses.

Mr. Macfarland stated that he was authorized this morning by Mr. Norment to state that the remainder of the balance of the last inaugural fund, \$5,918.29, is still in his hands as treasurer of the last inaugural committee, subject to the future request of the committee on the change of inaugural date.

Political Lines Ignored.
That politics was to play small part in the preparation of the inaugural committee became evident at a meeting of Chairman Eustis and the other officers of the committee yesterday. It was decided to select as far as possible men prominent in Washington who had had charge of the work of the inauguration of President Taft four years ago. The time in which to make all the arrangements is short, and it was believed wise to make use of the experience of the men who were in charge four years ago.

It is expected that Congress will be asked to grant permission for the use of the Pension Building for the inaugural ball. A request will be made also to the national legislators for permission to quarter visiting troops in the halls of the public buildings here. This permission was refused four years ago, so far as the quartering of troops in the halls of the buildings was concerned. Although Congress granted the use of the Pension Building at that time for the inaugural ball, it was vigorously asserted by many members of the House that this was to be the "last time."

But men in a position to know declared to-day that in view of the fact that no great convention hall, suitable for such a ball, has been erected in Washington during the four years just passed, it will be the decision of Congress again to allow the use of the Pension Building.

The fact that the Indian Bureau of the Interior Department has been moved into the Pension Building and occupies much of the space on the first floor, which was given over to the festivities at the time of the ball, has made the problem of lending the building even more difficult than it was before.

Secretary Vick's Assistant.
It was decided yesterday that Frank Smith, a Baltimore newspaper man, should be the personal assistant of Secretary W. W. Vick, of the inaugural committee. Mr. Smith was connected with the Democratic publicity bureau in the last campaign. Thomas J. Pence, a Washington newspaper man, who had charge of the publicity work for Governor Wilson in the pre-convention campaign, is to be chairman of the press committee. It is expected that James R. Marshall will be the chairman of the committee on ballroom decorations. Major Richard Sylvester, superintendent of police, chairman of the committee on public order, Percy S. Foster, chairman of the com-

Wife of Inaugural Committee Chairman



MRS. WILLIAM CORCORAN EUSTIS.

mittee on music, M. I. Weller, chairman of the committee on public comfort, W. V. Cox, chairman of the committee on historic spots. The last office has always been held by the president of the District Society, Sons of the American Revolution, the position now occupied by Mr. Cox.

ANTI-SALOON CONVENTION

Executive Committee Will Arrange for Meeting Within a Few Days.
The next meeting of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, which will be held on some date during the month of February, will be arranged for at a meeting of the executive committee in this city not later than January 1. Charlottesville, which has received the conditional endorsement of the committee, and Lynchburg and Roanoke are in the running for the convention, which usually attracts about 300 persons. Secretary McFarland will, in the meantime, investigate the desirability of all three cities.

The Anti-Saloon League will hold its 1913 convention in Richmond, since the custom is to have the meeting in this city when the Legislature is in session. The meeting early in this year was attended by about 700 people.



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Baptist Ministers' Conference Gives Luncheon in Honor of Dr. Ryland Knight.

Dr. Ryland Knight, who will leave his present charge at Calvary Baptist Church on January 1 to assume the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tenn., was tendered a farewell luncheon yesterday at noon by the members of the Baptist Ministers' Conference.

All of the eighteen ministers present made short talks in appreciation of Dr. Knight's work during his stay in the city, and at the close of the hour he responded with a word of regret at leaving. Rev. Samuel Templeman, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church and president of the conference, acted as toastmaster.

The banquet was served in the new

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Rain or snow east; snow west portion Tuesday; Wednesday fair.

North Carolina—Rain east; rain or snow west portion Tuesday; Wednesday fair.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

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| 12 noon temperature | 27 |
| 2 P. M. temperature | 29 |
| Maximum temperature up to 8 P. M. | 29 |
| Minimum temperature up to 8 P. M. | 21 |
| Mean temperature | 25 |
| Normal temperature | 25 |
| Deficiency in temperature since January 1 | 10 |
| Deficiency in temperature since March 1 | 75 |
| Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1 | 507 |
| Deficiency in rainfall since March 1 | 6.38 |
| Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1 | 6.51 |

Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.

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| Temperature | 24 |
| Humidity | 74 |
| Wind—direction | E |
| Wind—velocity | 5 |
| Weather | Snow |

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

| Place | Ther. | H. T. | W. T. | Weather |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Asheville | 28 | 24 | 28 | Snow |
| Atlanta | 24 | 24 | 24 | Rain |
| Atlantic City | 34 | 40 | 26 | Cloudy |
| Boston | 30 | 28 | 26 | P. cloudy |
| Buffalo | 20 | 22 | 20 | Cloudy |
| Calgary | 22 | 42 | 22 | P. cloudy |
| Charleston | 48 | 48 | 42 | Cloudy |
| Chicago | 26 | 42 | 28 | Clear |
| Denver | 28 | 44 | 28 | Clear |
| Duluth | 22 | 28 | 22 | Cloudy |
| Galveston | 40 | 40 | 40 | Cloudy |
| Hartford | 20 | 20 | 20 | Rain |
| Havre | 20 | 20 | 20 | Cloudy |
| Jacksonville | 2 | 44 | 20 | Cloudy |
| Kansas City | 40 | 40 | 40 | Clear |
| Louisville | 20 | 24 | 18 | Snow |
| Montgomery | 40 | 40 | 40 | Rain |
| New Orleans | 46 | 28 | 46 | Cloudy |
| New York | 34 | 40 | 28 | Cloudy |
| Norfolk | 38 | 38 | 32 | Rain |
| Oklahoma | 26 | 46 | 26 | Clear |
| Pittsburgh | 36 | 24 | 24 | Cloudy |
| Raleigh | 24 | 38 | 24 | Clear |
| St. Louis | 28 | 42 | 22 | Clear |
| San Francisco | 50 | 54 | 42 | P. cloudy |
| Savannah | 48 | 48 | 42 | Rain |
| Spokane | 28 | 28 | 28 | Cloudy |
| Tampa | 28 | 28 | 28 | Cloudy |
| Washington | 36 | 40 | 22 | Cloudy |
| Winnipeg | 12 | 20 | 12 | Cloudy |
| Wynneville | 24 | 22 | 20 | Snow |

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private dining-room of Dickinson's Restaurant, which was used for the first time yesterday. The arrangements for the event were in the hands of Rev. J. J. Wicker, pastor of the Leigh Street Baptist Church; Dr. T. Clagett Skinner, pastor of the Second Baptist Church; and Rev. J. R. Johnson, pastor of Venable Street Baptist Church.

Other ministers present were Dr. W. C. James, pastor of Grove Avenue Church; Rev. A. B. Bagby, Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, pastor of Immanuel Church; Rev. H. W. Sale, pastor of Weatherford Memorial Church; Rev. W. R. Gibson, pastor of Broadside Memorial Church; Rev. Lloyd T. Wilson, pastor of Grace Street Church; Rev. J. T. Bowden, pastor of Barton Heights Church; Rev. E. S. Petty, pastor of New Bridge Church; Rev. J. T. Watts, Sunday school secretary; Rev. Mr. Brenner, of Taylorville; and Rev. E. E. Skolbie, of the Colored Theological Seminary. Dr. George W. McDaniel was prevented from attending by an indisposition.

Previous to the luncheon the regular meeting of the Ministers' Conference in the First Baptist Church was addressed by Dr. Knight. The subject of his talk was "The Missionary Contribution in Bible Translation."

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